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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: DCI Briefing of Senate Armed Services Committee and
Appropriations Subcommittee on Department of Defense**

1. In accordance with arrangements, the Director met with the combined groups of the full Senate Armed Services Committee and the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Department of Defense. Invited members present were:

Carl Hayden (D., Ariz.)
Allen J. Ellender (D., La.)
Lister Hill (D., Ala.)
John L. McClellan (D., Ark.)
A. Willis Robertson (D., Va.)
John Stennis (D., Miss.)
John O. Pastore (D., R. I.)
Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.)
Howard W. Cannon (D., Nev.)
Robert C. Byrd (D., W. Va.)
Stephen M. Young (D., Ohio)
Daniel K. Inouye (D., Hawaii)
Thomas J. McIntyre (D., N. H.)
Daniel B. Brewster (D., Md.)
Richard E. Russell (D., Ga.)

Leverett Saltonstall (R., Mass.)
Milton R. Young (R., N. Dak.)
Karl E. Mundt (R., S. Dak.)
Margaret Chase Smith (R., Maine)
Thomas H. Kuchel (R., Calif.)
Gordon Allott (R., Colo.)
Clifford P. Case (R., N. J.)
Strom Thurmond (R., S. C.)

In addition, two uninvited members were present: Roman Hruska (R., Neb.)
Frank J. Lausche (D., Ohio)

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Present from the staff of Senate Armed Services Committee were:

**William H. Darden
Charles Kirbow
T. Edward Braswell, Jr.**

Present from the staff of Senate Appropriations were:

**William W. Woodruff
Francis S. Hewitt
Elizabeth H. Brantley
Maurice P. Pujol**

General Fitch was present as an observer from DOD and actually answered several questions.

Agency representatives were:

**Mr. John A. McCone
Lt. General Marshall S. Carter
Mr. Ray S. Cline
Mr. Richard Helms
Mr. Bruce C. Clarke, Jr.**

**Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Plans
Office of Current Intelligence
Office of Current Intelligence
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Office of Science and Technology
Legislative Counsel**

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**Mr. Richard J. Kerr
Mr. Carl E. Duckett
Mr. John S. Warner**

The meeting started at 10:30 a. m. and continued until 1:45 p. m.

2. At Senator Russell's request a transcript was taken and only three copies will be made, one for each Committee and one for the Agency. Special arrangements have been made with the reporting firm so that the notes, carbons and transcripts will be under technical custody of the Agency at all times until delivery of the two transcripts to each of the two Committees. This arrangement was worked out with the cooperation of the two Committee staffs. There was a technical sweep of the room prior to the hearing.

3. The briefing included a number of special classifications and the appropriate security people are being notified of the members present. In addition, the staff members present as well as the reporting firm

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employees who were exposed will receive proper security briefings. Additionally, we plan to work with the two staffs in connection with the physical storage of the transcripts when they are returned to the Committees.

4. The Director completed his prepared briefing in approximately one hour. The meeting was then thrown open to questions. There are two action items for the Agency:

a. Senator Pastore was interested in the AEM displayed in a recent Moscow parade. The Director stated he would show him a picture of this.

b. Senator Thurmond asked some questions about the last Soviet nuclear tests at high altitude. The Director indicated this was a rather complex subject and preferred to discuss this with him later when he had enough information and charts.

Another action item rested with General Fitch who was to supply to the Chairman for Senator Stephen Young the number of generals in South Viet Nam. General Roderick of OSD/L&L telephoned on this later in the day indicating that the Committee staff had requested that the information be supplied to us for insertion in the record. The information follows:

1	4-Star General
1	3-Star General
4	2-Star Generals
6	1-Star General
<u>12</u>	

The twelve generals break down as follows:

8	Army
3	Air Force
1	Marine
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5. Of the 29 invited Senators, 23 were present and almost without exception stayed at the briefing until about 12:30. A considerable number of the Senators who had not been exposed to certain of the special classifications remained to ask questions. I overheard several Senators referring to the excellent briefing and several of the staff people indicated that they had been informed by members that it was an excellent and informative briefing.

6. The Director did not speak to the press who were gathered at the door at the close of the hearing. Senator Russell did speak to the press but did not discuss the content of the briefing in any way. He was asked where this briefing fit into his announced reevaluation of South Viet Nam. Senator Russell responded to the effect that the most important requirement was for a stable government to which the people could look and support; that this was not a military problem. He added that in its military aspects he thought the Vietnamese had performed well considering the political situation in Saigon. The Senator also stated that he could see no weakening of the Communist complex and that certainly the U. S. would have to maintain its guard with a strong military posture. In response to a number of questions, Senator Russell pointed out that such matters were not within Mr. McCone's province and that his answers were his own views; these questions were in the area of future of U. S. strategic-manned aircraft and anti-submarine developments.

/s/ John S. Warner
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